

1888

REPORTS

OF THE

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FOR THE

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OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF WESTON, 1888.

TOWN CLERK.

GEO. W. CUTTING.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

HENRY J. WHITE, SAMUEL H. WARREN,
ARTHUR L. COBURN.

ASSESSORS.

ALONZO S. FISKE, HENRY J. WHITE,
FRANK H. UPHAM.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NAHUM SMITH, 3 years; FRANK H. UPHAM, 2 years;
REV. AMOS HARRIS, 1 year.

TRUSTEES OF MERRIAM FUND.

EDWARD COBURN, HENRY J. WHITE,
GEO. W. CUTTING.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

HORACE HEWS.

AUDITOR.

HERMAN A. TRAIN.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

OLIVER R. ROBBINS, HORACE S. SEARS,
ELIZABETH S. GOWING.

LIBRARY TREASURER.

HORACE HEWS.

BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE.

GEO. E. HOBBS, 3 years; LUTHER FRANK UPHAM,
2 years; EDWARD COBURN, 1 year.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

BENJ. F. CUTTER, 3 years; MARSHALL L. UPHAM.
2 years; ALONZO S. FISKE, 1 year.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

District No. 1. GEO. W. CUTTING.
" No. 1. MERRILL FRENCH.
" No. 2. EDWARD E. BROWN.
" No. 3. GEO. W. DUNN.
" No. 4. DANIEL GARFIELD.
" No. 5. CHARLES S. CUTTER.
" No. 6. HORACE LEADBETTER.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

DANIEL SMITH, DANIEL GARFIELD,
BENJ. F. CUTTER.

FENCE VIEWERS.

NATHAN BARKER, SAMUEL F. CLARK,
HENRY J. JENNISON.

FIELD DRIVERS.

THOMAS E. COBURN, NATHAN BARKER, JR.

CONSTABLES.

ALONZO S. FISKE, NATHAN BARKER, JR.
SAMUEL H. WARREN.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

DANIEL SMITH.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

NATHAN S. FISKE, HENRY L. BROWN,
CHARLES A. WARREN.

POUND KEEPER.

NATHAN BARKER, JR.

PUBLIC WEIGHER.

GEO. W. CUTTING.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

MERRILL FRENCH, WILLIAM H. MEAD.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

SELECTMEN and FRED. W. JACKSON, M. D.

UNDERTAKER.

FRANK H. UPHAM.

REGISTRARS REPORT FOR 1888.

BIRTHS.

Total number of births registered in town during the year 1888, 23; males, 11; females, 12. American parentage, 11; foreign, 7; American and foreign, 5.

Born in January, 2; February, 2; March, 2; May, 2; June, 1; July, 2; August, 4; September, 3; October, 2; November, 2; December, 1.

BIRTHS, 1888.

Bertha Emma French,	Jan. 1.
Stella Pearl Smith,	" 31.
William Oliver Kenny,	Feb. 12.
Dennis Doyle, Jr.,	" 24.
Dwight Bowen Cooper,	Mar. 9.
John Sheehan. Jr.,	" 22.
Edith May Davis,	May 15.
Willard Perrin Fuller,	" 27.
Leslie Eugene Stevens,	June 4.
Dennis Cronan,	July 18.
Edward Brenton Jennings,	" 19.
Harold Erle King,	" 22.
Jennie Gertrude Bowman,	Aug. 3.
Maud Beatrice Walton,	" 3.
Mary Josephine Burke,	" 21.
Fannie Grace Russell,	" 31.
Mary Elizabeth Dooley,	Sept. 15.
Mary Elizabeth Newton,	" 21.
Cleves Gowing Richardson,	" 25.
Lilian Ethel Wallace,	Oct. 8.
Robert Edmund Baird,	" 23.
Helen Vincent Thrasher,	Nov. 3.
James Knox Wark,	" 19.
Johanna Hennessy,	Dec. 12.

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriage certificates issued, 6

Marriages registered, 5

Parties native born, 7 ; foreign, 3 ; natives of the town, 1 ;
age of the youngest groom, 28 ; oldest, 38 ; youngest bride,
21 ; oldest, 34.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered this year was fourteen (14).
The number of males was four (4) ; the number of females
was ten (10).

Condition: Married. 6 ; Single, 3 ; Widowed, 5 ; Whole
Number, 14.

Name, age and condition of persons deceased aged seventy
years and upwards :

Mary Warren Hastings,	77 yrs.	1 mo.	23 days,	Married.
Amanda Cheney,	80	"	11 " 20 "	Widow.
Louisa K. Gregory,	71	"	3 "	Married.
Martha Derby,	83	"	2 "	Widow.
Isaac H. Jones,	79	"	3 "	Widowed.
Beulah R. Livingston,	84	"	3 "	Widow.

Whole number, 6

Number deceased under 5 years is 1

" " between 5 and 10 " 1

" " " 10 " 20 " None.

" " " 20 " 30 " 4

" " " 30 " 40 " None.

" " " 40 " 50 " "

" " " 50 " 60 " "

" " " 60 " 70 " 2

Total, 14

Number of native born, 9 ; foreign born, 5.

CAUSE OF DEATH.

Cancer, 1; Typhlites, 1; Tuberculosis, 2; Old age, 1; Obstruction of Bowels, 1; Phthisis Pulmonalis, 2; Heart Disease with Bright's Disease, 1; Catarrhal Pneumonia, 1; Cardiac Dropsy, 1; Abscess, 1; Bright's Disease, 1; Diarrhoea, 1.

There were 2 deaths in February, 2 in April, 4 in May, 2 in June, 1 in July and 3 in August.

The number of Dogs licensed was 130.

Amount received for licensing—

118 Male Dogs at \$2 00 each,	\$236 00
10 Female “ 5 00 “	50 00
2 “ Special,	25 00
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130 Total,	\$311 00
Deduct fees for Licenses,	26 00
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Paid County Treasurer as per his receipts, \$285 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CUTTING, *Town Clerk.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,		\$4,000 00
Massachusetts School Fund,		157 55
F. E. Whittemore, Prin. of High School,	\$1,233 30	
M. Eva Warren, Intermediate School,	500 00	
Gertrude E. Thompson, Primary School,		
No. 1.	416 64	
Lillie I. Dunn, Primary School, No. 2,	250 00	
Lura A. Dunn, " " " 2,	133 33	
Mary V. Poutas, " " " 3,	93 75	
Alice M. Dearing, " " " 3,	258 33	
Anna C. Coburn, " " " 4,	466 66	
Lizzie J. Viles, " " " 5,	416 66	
Lura A. Dunn, " " " 6,	250 00	
L. A. Doane, " " " 6,	133 32	
		<hr/> \$4,151 99
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$5 56

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation,		\$1,700 00
N. Smith, care of Primary rooms, Winter term, '87,	\$20 00	
N. Smith, sundry items,	9 50	
F. H. Upham, care of Primary rooms, Winter term, '87,	10 00	
F. H. Upham, sundry items,	11 95	
“ stove for No. 1 school,	15 00	
M. French, Janitor High School, Winter term, '87,	65 00	
Mrs. G. A. Warren, tuning piano,	2 50	
H. C. Kendall, filling out Diplomas,	1 50	
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for schools,	72 40	
Smith & Anthony Stove Co., repairing furnace High school,	11 80	
J. C. Clark & Co., printing programmes,	8 00	
A. S. Fiske, wood,	91 25	
Geo. H. Stratton, “	29 00	
Geo. F. Jones, “	60 25	
Geo. W. Dunn, “	8 00	
N. Smith, sundry persons for labor	20 00	
Daniel Smith, labor as per bill,	41 79	
J. S. Gould, “ “	50 93	
F. F. Fuller, repairing and tuning organ at No. 6,	2 50	
E. H. Atwood, express,	5 35	
F. E. Whittemore, articles for High School,	1 46	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$538 18	<hr/> \$1,750 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$538 18	\$1,750 00
N. Smith, care of Primary rooms, Spring term, '88,	24 00	
M. French, Janitor High School, Spring term, '88,	45 00	
W. E. Sibley, articles for schools,	2 00	
A. B. Nims, " " "	54 35	
Charles Emerson, coal for High School,	152 25	
Albert Riley, repairing High School House roof,	346 78	
E. W. Russell, painting School Houses Nos. 1, 2, and 3,	194 78	
E. W. Russell, painting inside High School House,	10 25	
J. G. Graham, iron work,	10 00	
R. W. Stewart, labor as per bill,	6 12	
N. E. Upham, pump,	7 65	
F. A. Robinson, labor as per bill,	186 29	
F. H. Upham, care of Primary rooms, fall term, '88,	24 00	
M. French, Janitor High School, fall term, '88,	45 00	
M. French, labor as per bill,	3 50	
John H. Hussey, labor as per bill,	11 88	
C. H. Upham, tuning piano,	1 75	
Kendall & Higgins, articles for schools,	5 44	
Knapp & Kirwin, " "	13 39	
F. H. Bradford, " "	5 55	
M. Eva. Warren, " "	8 00	
F. H. Upham " "	1 00	
F. H. Upham, care of Primary rooms, Winter term, '88,	24 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$1,721 16	\$1,750 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$1,721 16	\$1,750 00
M. French, Janitor High School, Winter term, '88,	65 00	
M. L. Upham, labor as per bill,	23 89	
F. H. Upham, stationery,	2 40	
	<hr/>	\$1,812 45
Balance overdrawn,		<hr/> \$62 45

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation,		\$1,200 00
Advertiser Publishing Co., printing Town Reports,	82 80	
H. J. White, distributing Town Reports,	3 25	
H. A. Train, examining proof,	3 75	
N. Barker, Jr., services as Constable,	9 50	
F. H. Upham, 1 pair casket stool covers,	7 00	
F. H. Upham, sundry items as per bill,	3 00	
George W. Cutting, return of marriages, births and deaths,	16 10	
George W. Cutting & Son, articles for Town Hall and Library,	10 66	
J. D. Gerry, repairing Town clock,	22 63	
Geo. M. Stevens, repairing Town clock,	1 96	
J. G. Gresham, repairing Town clock,	1 50	
E. H. Atwood, express,	4 40	
A. L. Coburn, distributing Town Reports,	3 00	
E. L. Barry, printing notices of Town Meeting,	3 00	
Clerk of Courts, Middlesex County, copying and recording By-Laws,	3 90	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$176 45	\$1,200 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$176 45	\$1,200 00
H. L. Brown, expenses for Memorial Day,	36 70	
Quinev Mutual Fire Insurance Co., insurance on Town Library,	36 00	
W. N. Gowell, building fence,	16 64	
Charles Emerson, coal for Town House,	19 29	
Mrs. G. A. Warren, tuning piano,	2 50	
John H. Hussey, repairing pump,	5 00	
E. W. Russell, repairing Warrant box,	30	
Miss Mary L. Keyes, damage caused by defect in Highway,	250 00	
Patrick M. Walter, damage caused by defect in Highway,	75 00	
Knapp & Kirwin, stove for Town Hall,	33 85	
J. S. Gould, labor as per bill,	50	
Town of Lincoln Tax,	5 05	
John H. Hussey, relaying wall near Town House,	45 00	
H. J. White, distributing notices for Town Meeting,	3 00	
Waltham Free Press, printing,	6 00	
A. C. Getchell, printing notices,	2 00	
F. A. Robinson, building fence,	22 46	
M. L. Upham, wood for Town House,	5 62	
A. B. Nims, articles for Town Hall and Library,	11 77	
Daniel Smith, steps for Library,	3 50	
George Seaverns, services as night watchman,	5 25	
John Conly, services as night watchman,	6 00	
Clark, Maynard & Co., articles for Library,	7 50	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$775 38	<hr/> \$1,200 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$775 38	\$1,200 00
Houghton & Dutton, articles for Library,	2 00	
E. L. Bemis, labor at Town House,	2 00	
F. W. Jackson, M. D., return of births and deaths,	6 75	
John Coburn, care of Town Hall,	113 25	
Johnson & Harvey, legal advice,	5 00	
H. J. White, stationery,	3 85	
Theodore Jones, care of Town clock,	25 00	
Theodore Jones, sundry items,	5 00	
A. S. Fiske, services as Constable,	16 50	
A. S. Fiske, stationery,	6 00	
F. H. Upham, return of deaths,	3 00	
E. W. Russell, painting fence,	3 53	
	<hr/>	\$967 26
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$232 74

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation,		\$300 00
March. Oliver Ditson & Co., text books,	4 50	
April. Boston School Supply Co., text books.	77 22	
Harrison Hume, text books,	31 90	
May. Educational Supply Co., text books,	4 95	
D. Appleton & Co., text books,	4 00	
Wm. Ware & Co., " "	3 84	
June. F. E. Whittemore, " "	8 40	
Boston School Supply Co., text books,	27 65	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$162 46	<hr/> \$300 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$162 46	\$300 00
Sept.	Boston School Supply Co., text books,	34 77	
	Ginn & Co., text books,	6 13	
	Carl Schoenhof, text books,	10 18	
	Christopher Sower & Co., text books,	14 30	
	A. C. Stockin, text books,	20 46	
Oct.	Warren P. Adams, text books,	7 70	
	Harrison Hume, " "	9 40	
	Boston School Supply Co., text books,	14 71	
	Christopher Sower & Co., text books,	4 50	
Nov.	D. Appleton & Co., text books,	5 50	
Dec.	D. Appleton & Co., " "	6 00	
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Feb.	Thorp & Adams,	1 75	
		<hr/>	\$297 86
Balance unexpended,			<hr/> \$2 14

HIGHWAYS.

A. S. FLSKE, *Road Commissioner.*

Appropriation,			\$6,000 00
March	Self, snow bill,	\$21 38	
April	Self, 16 days,	40 00	
	Men, 53 "	92 75	
	Horse, 14 "	21 00	
	Oxen, 19 "	38 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		<hr/> \$213 13	<hr/> \$6,000 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>			\$213 13	\$6,000 00
	H. G. Russell,	11½ "	20 13	
	" horse,	5 "	7 50	
May	Self,	9¾ "	24 38	
	Men,	14¾ "	25 82	
	Horse,	5½ "	8 25	
	Oxen,	13 "	26 00	
	H. G. Russell,	5¾ "	10 07	
	" horse,	1 "	1 50	
June	Self,	11 "	27 50	
	Men,	43 "	75 25	
	Oxen,	12½ "	25 00	
	H. G. Russell,	8½ "	14 88	
	" horse,	2 "	3 00	
Sept.	Self,	3 "	7 50	
	Men,	14 "	24 50	
	Oxen,	1 "	2 00	
	H. G. Russell,	6 "	10 50	
	" horse,	1 "	1 50	
Oct.	Self,	12 "	30 00	
	Men,	68 "	119 00	
	Horse,	14 "	21 00	
	Oxen,	10 "	20 00	
	H. G. Russell,	14½ "	25 38	
	" horse,	11½ "	17 25	
Nov.	Self,	18 "	45 00	
	Men,	75 "	131 25	
	Horse,	17½ "	26 25	
	Oxen,	19 "	38 00	
	H. G. Russell and horse,	18 "	58 50	
Dec.	Men,	8½ "	14 88	
	Horse,	1 "	1 50	

<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$1,076 42	\$6,000 00
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<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>			\$1,076 42	\$6,000 00
	H. G. Russell,	2 7-10 "	4 73	
	Oxen,	3 "	6 00	
1889,				
Jan.	Men,	27 9-10 "	48 83	
	Oxen,	3 2-5 "	6 80	

M. L. UPHAM, *Road Commissioner.*

March	Self,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 25	
	Men,	$1\frac{1}{2}$ "	2 63	
	Horse,	1 "	1 50	
April	Self,	3 "	7 50	
	Men,	18 "	31 50	
	Oxen,	4 "	8 00	
	Horses,	12 "	18 00	
May	Self,	19 "	47 50	
	Men,	87 "	152 25	
	Horses,	42 "	63 00	
	Oxen,	19 "	38 00	
	S. Higgins,	26 "	45 50	
	J. Caswell,	16 "	28 00	
	John H. Hussey, as per bill,		106 25	
June	Self,	16 "	40 00	
	Men,	48 "	84 00	
	Horses,	48 "	72 00	
	Oxen,	10 "	20 00	
	J. Caswell,	9 "	15 75	
	S. Higgins,	$20\frac{1}{2}$ "	35 88	
July	Self,	16 "	40 00	
	Men,	60 "	105 00	
	Horses,	48 "	72 00	
	Oxen,	14 "	28 00	

<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$2,206 29	\$6,000 00
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<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>			\$2,206 29	\$6,000 00
	J. Caswell,	4 days,	7 00	
	F. Jennison,	2 "	3 50	
Aug.	Self,	6 "	15 00	
	Men,	18 "	31 50	
	Horses,	18 "	27 00	
	Oxen,	3 "	6 00	
	J. Caswell,	6 "	10 50	
	F. Jennison,	4 "	7 00	
Sept.	Self,	14 "	35 00	
	Men,	63 "	110 25	
	Horses,	42 "	63 00	
	Oxen,	4 "	8 00	
	J. Caswell,	8 "	14 00	
Oct.	Self,	25 "	62 50	
	Men,	125 "	218 75	
	Horses,	97 "	145 50	
	Oxen,	7 "	14 00	
	J. Caswell,	24 "	42 00	
Nov.	Self,	25 "	62 50	
	Men,	100 "	175 00	
	Horses,	71 2-5 "	108 85	
	Oxen,	9 "	18 00	
	J. Caswell,	20 "	35 00	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill,		103 88	
	J. H. Hussey, labor on culverts as per bill,		148 56	
Dec.	Self,	14 days,	35 00	
	Men,	42 "	73 50	
	Horses,	31 "	46 50	
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Jan.	Self,	2 "	5 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>			\$3,838 58	\$6,000 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$3,838 58	\$6,000 00
Oxen.	1 days,	2 00	
Men,	9 "	15 75	
E. Bemis,	6 "	10 50	

B. F. CUTTER, *Road Commissioner.*

March.	Self,	4 days,	10 00
	Men,	20 "	35 00
	Horses,	23 "	34 50
April.	Self,	17½ "	43 75
	Men,	81½ "	142 62
	Horses,	59 "	88 50
	C. A. Warren, as per bill,		116 75
	G. F. Jones, as per bill,		38 00
May.	Self,	9½ "	23 75
	Men,	44 "	77 00
	Horses,	29 "	43 50
	C. A. Warren, as per bill,		28 39
June.	Self,	13¾ "	34 37
	Men,	51 "	89 25
	Horses,	42 "	63 00
	C. A. Warren, as per bill,		47 51
Aug.	Self,	5½ "	13 75
	Men,	37 "	64 75
	Horses,	14 "	21 00
Sept.	Self,	2 "	5 00
	Men,	32 "	56 00
	Horses,	16½ "	24 75
	C. A. Warren, as per bill,		53 75
Dec.	Self,	4 "	10 00
	Men,	18 "	31 50

<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		\$5,063 22	\$6,000 00
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<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$5,063 22	\$6,000 00
Horses,	16 days,	24 00	
C. A. Warren, as per bill,		12 75	
G. F. Jones, as per bill,		20 00	

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Jan.	Self,	2 "	5 00
	Men,	24 "	42 00
	Horses,	16 "	24 00
	C. A. Warren, as per bill,		23 13
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill,		114 44

INCIDENTALS.

B. F. Cutter, articles for Highways,	11 80
A. S. Fiske, " "	16 25
J. Pulsifer, " "	5 50
George W. Cutting & Son, articles for Highways,	17 79
A. B. Nims, articles for Highways,	1 28
Davis & Farnum, articles for Highways,	32 55
Geo. H. Sampson, " "	8 50
Kendall & Higgins, " "	7 80
Wm. Reed, covering stones,	46 24
Fitchburg R. R., freight,	33 60
A. S. Fiske, lighting streets,	5 00
Boston & Albany R. R., gravel,	11 00
Charles Jones, "	69 90
Sarah Hagar, "	17 08
H. J. White, "	4 32
John Warren, "	44 00
Estate of late Swift Leadbetter, gravel,	30 00
A. S. Fiske, gravel,	5 00

<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$5,696 15	\$6,000 00
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<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$5,696 15	\$6,000 00
Mrs. Holbrook, gravel,	19 00	
A. Laker, " "	9 72	
D. J. O'Donnell, repairing tools,	6 30	
Daniel Garfield, " "	14 50	
J. G. Graham, " "	11 70	
C. A. Moody, " "	6 10	
George W. Dunn, snow bill,	21 97	
E. Jennings, " "	3 67	
D. J. Eldridge, labor as per bill	18 09	
Charles Emerson, " "	52 00	
L. S. Upham, " "	13 00	
N. E. Upham, " "	5 00	
W. H. Leatherbee & Son, lumber,	15 81	
Wm. N. Gowell, repairing fence,	6 88	
John A. Hussey, labor as per bill,	98 87	
	<hr/>	\$5,998 76
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$1 24

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation,		\$300 00
Morey, Churchill & Co., street lamps,	\$60 50	
Committee on street lights, sundry persons as per bill,	16 14	
F. A. Robinson, labor as per bill,	5 50	
A. S. Fiske, " "	10 28	
A. S. Fiske, sundry persons care of lights,	25 00	
Morton F. Russell, care of lamps,	24 00	
W. P. Gould, " "	13 00	
C. A. Freeman, " "	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$159 42
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$140 58

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,		\$1,360 00
Henry J. White, services as Selectman,	\$40 00	
Samuel H. Warren, " "	25 00	
Arthur L. Coburn, " "	25 00	
Alonzo S. Fiske, " Assessor,	100 00	
Henry J. White, " "	38 00	
Frank H. Upham, " "	38 00	
Amos Harris, " School Com.,	50 00	
Nahum Smith, " "	50 00	
Frank H. Upham, " "	50 00	
Geo. W. Cutting, " Town Clerk,	95 37	
Herman A. Train, " Auditor,	50 00	
Henry J. White, *services as Overseer of Poor,	15 00	
Samuel H. Warren, services as Overseer of Poor,	15 00	
Arthur L. Coburn, services as Overseer of Poor,	15 00	
John Coburn, services as Librarian,	225 00	
Horace Hews, services as Treasurer and Collector,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,331 37
Balance unexpended,		\$28 63

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation,		\$300 00
L. F. Upham, superintending and labor as per bill,	\$124 38	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$124 38	\$300 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$124 38	\$300 00
R. W. Stewart, labor as per bill,	26 59	
Amri Barker, " "	7 88	
E. W. Russell, " "	6 75	
W. H. Smith, " "	7 18	
Alden Thayer, " "	39 28	
F. P. Johnson, services as Civil Engineer,	15 65	
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for cemeteries,	1 73	
Geo. Sanderson, plants and flowers,	10 00	
Trustees,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$254 44
Balance unexpended,		\$45 56
(For items see Trustees Report.)		

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
Overseers of Poor, support at Almshouse,	\$445 75	
Overseers of Poor, outside relief,	334 50	
	<hr/>	\$780 25
Balance unexpended,		\$219 75
(For items see Overseers Report.)		

EXTENSION OF HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Appropriation,		\$502 00
M. L. Upham, labor as per contract.	\$203 00	
M. L. Upham, " " bill,	199 13	
T. E. Coburn, " " "	2 50	
E. P. Johnson, services as Civil Engineer,	20 80	
	<hr/>	\$425 43
Balance unexpended,		\$76 57

INTEREST ON DEBT.

Appropriation,		\$800 00
Amount,	\$657 60	
	<hr/>	\$657 60
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$142 40

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

Appropriation,		\$800 00
Amount,	\$758 78	
	<hr/>	\$758 78
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$41 22

LIBRARY.

Appropriation, Dog Tax,		\$252 51
Library Treasurer, dog tax refunded,	\$252 51	
	<hr/>	\$252 51

SIDEWALK FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO CHERRY
BROOK STATION.

Appropriation,		\$25 00
M. L. Upham, labor as per bill,	\$24 75	
	<hr/>	\$24 75
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$ 25

HORSE SHEDS.

Appropriation,		\$2,000 00
F. A. Robinson, labor as per contract,	\$1,085 00	
“ “ bill,	10 74	
E. W. Russell, painting as per bill,	40 00	
John H. Hussey, labor as per bill,	700 00	
“ interest on bill,	10 00	
Peabody & Stearns, services as Architects,	60 00	
J. S. Gould, lumber,	2 36	
A. H. Hewes & Co, articles for horse sheds,	2 50	
H. J. White, gravel,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,945 60
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$54 40

GRADING SCHOOL YARD, DISTRICT No. 4.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
A. S. Fiske, labor and stock as per bill,	\$138 89	
H. G. Russell, labor as per bill,	15 75	
	<hr/>	\$154 64
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$45 36

STATE AID.

Mrs. Harriet F. Stimpson,	\$24 00	
Mrs. Martha Tucker,	48 00	
Hosea F. Travis,	48 00	
Lemuel A. Smith,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$168 00

Auditor's Account with Treasurer and Collector.

DR.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1888,	\$4,443 30
Mass. Corporation Tax, bal. of 1887,	302 73
“ “ “ for 1888,	7,053 04
“ Bank Tax, for 1888,	2,087 25
“ State Aid,	178 00
“ School Fund,	157 55
County Treasurer, Dog Tax refunded,	267 90
Nathan Barker, Jr., Auctioneer's license,	2 00
Rent of Nonsuch Pond,	15 00
Sale of burial lots, Linwood Cemetery,	68 80
“ “ lot, Central “	50
Bent Burial Fund, int. unexpended,	3 00
Grass sold,	5 00
Wood sold,	10 00
Weighing fees,	35 30
Edward Coburn, Guardian of Caroline Harrington,	309 07
Rent of Town Hall,	124 50
Waltham National Bank, temporary loan,	2,500 00
Tax receipts for 1887,	1,518 05
“ “ “ 1888.	12,209 89
Added Taxes “ “	275 79
Interest on Taxes,	49 36
Uncollected Taxes, 1887,	26 12
“ “ 1888,	1,185 71
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	\$32,827 86

Auditor's Account with Treasurer and Collector.

CR.

Schools,	\$4,151,99
School Incidentals,	1,812 45
Town Incidentals,	967 26
Highways,	5,998 76
Text Books,	297 86
Support of Poor.	780 25
Cemeteries,	254 44
Salaries of Town Officers,	1,331 37
Interest on Debt,	657 60
Discount and Abatements,	758 78
Library,	252 51
Extension of High School Grounds,	425 43
Street Lights,	159 42
Horse Sheds,	1,945 60
Sidewalk from Central Avenue to Cherry Brook Station,	24 75
Grading School Yard, Dist. No. 4,	154 64
State Aid,	168 00
State Tax,	2,812 50
County Tax,	1,578 18
Waltham National Bank, temporary loan,	2,500 00
“ Savings Bank,	2,000 00
Marshall L. Hews, loan in part,	1,000 00
Cash in Treasury,	1,584 24
Uncollected Taxes, March 1, 1889,	1,211 83
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	\$32,827 86

Auditor's Account with Treasurer and Collector.

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Mary F. Peirce,	\$1,000 00	
Edward Peirce,	1,000 00	
Abigail Jones,	800 00	
First Parish, Weston,	400 00	
Trustees of Library Fund,	1,400 00	
Trustees of Silent Poor Fund,	3,208 00	
Marshall L. Hews,	750 00	
Bent Burial Fund,	112 00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/>	\$8,670 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in Treasury,	\$1,584 24	
Uncollected Taxes,	1,211 83	
State Aid,	178 00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/>	\$2,974 07
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Total Debt,		\$5,695 93

ASSESSOR'S VALUATION, MAY 1, 1888.

Total Valuation,	\$2,076,600 00
Total Tax,	13.395 60

RATE PER CENT:

State Tax on property,	\$1.08	per \$1,000	00
County " "	.54	"	
Town " "	4.38	"	
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Total,	\$6.00		

Number of persons assessed on property,	370
Number of persons assessed on polls only,	250
Total number assessed,	620
Number of polls,	468
" " horses,	415
" " cows,	946
" " sheep,	19
" " neat cattle,	147
" " swine,	137
" " dwellings,	286
" " acres taxed,	10,463 $\frac{1}{2}$

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN A. TRAIN, *Auditor.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1889.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1888,	\$4,443 30
Rent of Town Hall,	124 50
Rent of Nonsuch Pond,	15 00
Weighing fees,	35 30
Sale of burial lots,	68 80
" " lot,	50
Sale of grass and wood,	15 00
Auctioneer's license,	2 00
Rent Burial Fund, interest unexpended,	3 00
Edward Coburn, Guardian,	309 07
Waltham National Bank, temporary loan,	2,500 00
Corporation Tax, balance, 1887,	302 73
County of Middlesex, dog tax refunded,	267 90
State of Massachusetts, income from School Fund,	157 55
" " Corporation Tax,	7,053 04
" " National Bank Tax,	2,087 25
" " State Aid refunded,	178 00
Horace Hews, Collector, Taxes of 1887,	1,518 05
" " " 1888,	12,209 89
" " Added Taxes, 1888,	275 79
" " Interest on Taxes,	49 36
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	\$31,616 03

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

CR.

By paid State of Massachusetts, State Tax,	\$2,812 50
“ County of Middlesex, County Tax,	1,578 18
“ Waltham National Bank, temporary loan,	2,500 00
“ Waltham Savings Bank, Church Street loan, balance,	2,000 00
“ Marshall L. Hews, loan in part,	1,000 00
“ Sundry persons, Selectmen's orders,	20,141 11
Balance in Treasury,	1,584 24
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	\$31,616 03

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1889.

TAXES UNCOLLECTED.

Tax of 1887,	\$26 12
Tax of 1888,	1,185 71
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	\$1,211 83

HORACE HEWS, *Collector.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1889.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT
OF THE
MERRIAM FUND FOR THE SILENT POOR.

DR.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1888,	\$221 93
Interest from Fund,	192 48
	<hr/> \$414 41

CR.

Paid Trustees' orders,	\$115 11
Balance unexpended,	299 30
	<hr/> \$414 41

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1889.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Almshouse remains under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mead, who have served the town faithfully during the past three years. At the beginning of the year there were three inmates: Mrs. Harriet Dudley, aged 61 years, discharged March 25, 1888; Mrs. John L. Seaverns, aged 66 years; Joseph H. Seaverns, aged 48 years. Present number, 2.

244 tramps cared for during the year.

RECEIPTS FROM THE FARM.

Cash on hand,	\$27 80
Cash received for sale of milk,	1,015 50
“ cows and calves,	372 25
“ pickles,	220 78
“ eggs,	105 89
“ poultry,	12 60
“ peas and potatoes,	26 07
“ board of Mrs. Cutter,	100 00
from Treasury,	445 75
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	\$2,326 64

EXPENSES.

Cash paid William H. Mead, superintending,	\$365 00
“ for groceries,	188 48
“ flour and grain,	458 76
“ brewers grains,	208 75
“ meat,	118 32
“ cows,	406 50
“ fish, salt and soap,	15 03
“ clothing,	19 17
“ household goods,	29 08
“ labor,	89 68
“ coal,	56 25
“ hay,	15 97
“ repairs,	14 15
“ farming tools,	18 76
“ blacksmithing,	27 10
“ manure and phosphate,	54 80
“ medicines and medical attendance,	65 41
“ hardware,	9 44
“ lumber,	3 42
“ seeds,	31 83
“ horse blankets,	8 50
“ fly nets and oil covers,	8 50
“ Massachusetts Ploughman,	5 00
“ sundries,	50 53
Cash in hand of Superintendent,	58 21
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	\$2,326 64

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Cash paid City of Waltham for aid rendered Mrs.	
Mary Veno and family,	\$107 58
“ Mrs. Mary Veno,	48 00
“ medical attendance for Lorenzo Lead-	
better,	9 00
“ Commonwealth of Massachusetts for	
support of Caroline Harrington at	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	169 92
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	\$334 50
Cost at Almshouse,	445 75
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Total cost,	\$780 25

The Selectmen make the following estimates of expenditures for the ensuing year :

For Highways,	\$5,500 00
“ Schools,	5,000 00
“ School incidentals,	1,500 00
“ Text books,	400 00
“ Support of poor,	1,000 00
“ Cemeteries,	300 00
“ Interest on debt,	740 00
“ Salaries of Town Officers,	1,360 00
“ Discount and abatements,	800 00
“ Town incidentals,	1,200 00
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	\$17,800 00

JURY LIST.

The following names will be reported at the Annual March Meeting, to be placed in the Jury Box, subject to the revision of the Town :

Amri Barker,	William P. Morse,
Emery L. Bemis,	Oliver R. Robbins,
Henry L. Brown,	Henry G. Russell.
Christopher H. Bryden,	Louis E. Roberts,
Arthur L. Coburn,	Daniel Smith,
George G. Cheney,	Edward R. Sibley,
Hosea F. Davis,	Stanley Seaverns,
Isaac W. Hastings,	George S. Sibley,
Willard H. Jennings,	Nathaniel W. Turner,
Ralph Kenny,	Augustus M. Upham,
Edward Leadbetter,	Nathan E. Upham,
Isaac O. Lovewell,	Charles A. Warren.

TOWN WARRANT.

Articles in Warrant for Town Meeting to be held March 25, 1889:

The Meeting will be called at 12.30 o'clock, P.M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To act upon the reports of the several Boards of Town Officers, and also to act upon the reports of any committee chosen by the Town.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To grant and appropriate such sums of money as may be thought necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will fix the compensation of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes, or act anything relative to the collection of Taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 8. To vote upon the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will grant money for lighting streets, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To hear the report of the Committee appointed for grading the High School grounds, and to see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for fencing and finishing the same, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate money to build a new street, beginning at a point on Concord Street, near the house of William M. Roberts, and running as surveyed by the Road Commissioners to a point near the junction of Concord and Sudbury Streets, or act anything relating thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to be expended on Merriam Street, or act anything relative to said street.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will remove the flag staff, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will grant a sum of money to purchase apparatus to be used for extinguishing fires, or act anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Road Commissioners to request the County commissioners to come and locate and define East Newton Street, not exceeding 40 feet in width.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will grant money for the improvement of East Newton Street.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. WHITE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
SAMUEL H. WARREN,	
ARTHUR L. COBURN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Weston.</i>

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The money appropriated for Highways at the last annual meeting has been expended as follows, viz: Central Ave., \$1250; Ash Street, \$75; Newton Street, \$120; Wellesley Street, \$155; School Street, \$25; Forest Street, \$95; Concord Street, \$300; Fiske Ave., \$25; Merriam Street, \$75; North Ave., \$1035; Bogle Street, \$95; East Newton Street, \$75; Sudbury Street, \$15; Chestnut Street, \$155; Lincoln Street, \$25; Church Street, \$550; Elm Street, \$15; Lexington Street, \$105; Summer Street, \$145; Oak Street, \$45; Highland Street, \$115; Glen road, \$75; Winter Street, \$30; River Street, \$100; South Ave., \$750; Brown Street, \$30; Loring place, \$20; Viles Street, \$30. About \$117 has been paid for covering stones; also \$180 for gravel; the remaining balance for incidentals necessary to the work will be found itemized in the Auditor's Report. The foregoing sums we do not claim to be the exact in dollars and cents as men and teams are often employed on connecting streets the same day, but they will approximate very nearly to the sums expended on each. Many culverts have been laid the past season and many more are needed, experience has demonstrated that without good drainage, good permanent roads are an impossibility.

It will be noticed that a large sum has been paid for gravel the past season, the difficulty of obtaining good material for roads is great and will be no less so for years to come if left to be temporarily supplied. We would suggest the advisability

of the town securing by purchase gravel pits, not merely for temporary supplies but for future years, so located as to be convenient to highways in different sections of the town. Owing to the open Winter and severe rains much material has been washed from our roads and it is an open question whether the washing of heavy rains or the hot Suns and drying winds of Summer do the most damage, at all events material on the roads rapidly disappear, showing that constant vigilance is required to maintain them in good order.

We therefore recommend liberal appropriations for the repair of highways. Our rapidly increasing Summer travel as well as the needs of permanent residents seem imperatively to demand that our cross streets should be improved, especially as to widening, so that carriages can pass and repass in safety.

Now in view of our low rate of taxation and the nearly extinguishment of the public debt and after the liberal grants heretofore made to improve our main streets, is it more than fair and just that these streets should receive some attention from the town.

We do not wish to particularize but would simply mention Forest, Lincoln, Merriam, Concord from Bond's corner to Lincoln line and Sudbury Streets lying north of Central Avenue, Summer, Wellesley, Highland and Chestnut Streets south of said avenue and still farther south, East Newton and Winter Streets with Glen road; all or any of them being fit subjects for the attention of the town. We submit the whole matter to your careful and candid consideration.

Guide boards are maintained at the following places, viz: Corner of North Avenue and Lexington Street, North Avenue and Church Street, North Avenue and Forest Street, North Avenue and Lincoln Street, Concord and Merriam Streets, Concord and Sudbury Streets, Central Avenue and Concord Street, Central Avenue and School Street, Central Avenue

and Wellesley Street, Wellesley and Newton Streets, Newton and Ash Streets, South Avenue and Wellesley Street, South Avenue and East Newton Street, South Avenue and River Street, River Street and Loring place, Winter and Brown Streets.

Respectfully submitted,

ALONRO S. FISKE, BENJ. F. CUTTER, MARSHALL L. UPHAM,	} } }	<i>Road Commissioners of Weston.</i>
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REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

The Trustees of Cemeteries submit the following report for the year ending February 28, 1888.

Besides the usual work of keeping the Cemeteries in order, the paths in Linwood Cemetery designated on the plan as Cherry, Alder and Locust, have been graded.

There have been three lots sold, making in all forty-five. Whole number of interments, seventy-three.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for three burial lots,	\$68 80
“ “ hay,	5 00
“ “ wood,	10 00
Appropriated,	300 00
	<hr/> \$383 80

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid L. F. Upham for labor,	\$30 63
“ A. Thayer, “	19 25
“ L. F. Upham. “	30 00
“ R. Stuart, “	26 59
“ A. Barker, “	7 88
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$114 35 \$383 80

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$114 35	\$383 80
“ E. Russell for painting gates, tomb door, etc,	6 75	
“ Geo. Sanderson for plants,	10 00	
“ Geo. W. Cutting & Son for tools,	1 73	
“ L. F. Upham for labor,	52 00	
“ W. H. Smith “	7 18	
“ A. Thayer,	20 03	
“ F. P. Johnson services as surveyor,	15 65	
“ L. F. Upham for labor,	11 75	
“ Trustees, for services,	15 00	
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Amount of expenses,		\$254 44
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Balance unexpended,		\$129 36

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER F. UPHAM,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
EDWARD COBURN,		
GEORGE E. HOBBS,		

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HORSE SHEDS.

The committee appointed by the town to act with the committee of the First parish in regard to the joint building of sheds would report as follows :

The title to the land has been obtained, the ground graded and the sheds completed, with a small balance of the money appropriated by the town remaining in the Treasury as will be seen by the Auditor's Report.

The terms of the contract are, with the First parish, as follows :

1. The inhabitants of the town without distinction are to have free use of the sheds at all times during week days.
2. The First parish are to have exclusive right to the same on Sunday.

The several papers in regard to land and contracts have been duly signed, sealed, delivered and recorded.

We congratulate the town upon the improved appearance of the Centre, owing to the erection of the new church and the remodelling of the horse sheds with other improvements in the immediate vicinity.

Submitted by

ALONZO S. FISK,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
HENRY J. WHITE,		
MARSHALL L. UPHAM,		

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee submit the following Report. The Committee is composed of the following members :

Amos Harris, term expires in March, 1889.

F. H. Upham, " " 1890.

Nahum Smith, " " 1891.

Amos Harris, Chairman.

F. H. Upham, Secretary.

F. H. Upham, Sub-Committee on finance and repairs.

Nahum Smith, } Sub-Committee on text-books and course

Amos Harris, } of study

School No. 1. Under the special care of Amos Harris.

" 2. " " "

" 3. " " Nahum Smith.

" 4. " " "

" 5. " " F. H. Upham.

" 6. " " "

HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. F. E. WHITEMORE, Principal.

During the past year some modifications of the course of study were found necessary, and consequently some of the

branches were omitted and others introduced. Each class has three recitations a day, excepting Friday, which is the time for rhetorical exercises. The course of study includes the sciences, literature and mathematics, while Algebra and Geometry are taught sufficiently to comprehend the principles. Arithmetic was carefully reviewed during the last year at the earnest desire of the parents, so that the scholars may have the principles and practical application of the same fresh in their minds on leaving the school. The several classes have addressed themselves to their respective and assigned duties in a manner that has been gratifying to the Committee. Hence good and thorough work has been done during the past year along the line of studies as indicated above. Moreover a special effort was made during the Fall term under the approval of the Committee in rhetorical exercises. The instruction given and the suggestions made were kindly received and enthusiastically followed out by the speakers, so that the effort was crowned with success beyond our expectation. It evidently showed what our scholars have the ability of doing, provided it is perseveringly and wisely developed, in acquitting themselves so admirably upon the platform.

After years of experience in connection with the school, your Committee came to an unanimous decision that the time has come when it would be advisable in their judgment to secure the services of an assistant teacher for the work in the High School. Acting upon this conviction the formal graduating exercises of the present senior class were postponed for one year. If the above action of the Board is approved by you, the course of study will be four years instead of three. In our judgment we believe the High School can be rendered more efficient and satisfactory so as to abundantly reward you for the additional time, labor and expense which the change may involve.

Whole number of scholars,	33
Average membership,	30
Average attendance,	29
Tardy Marks,	63

AMOS HARRIS.

Chairman of the School Committee.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS M. EVA WARREN, Teacher.

The scholars in this school have pursued the same branches of study as those who have preceeded them. But the amount of collateral material, both upon the black-board and on paper, which has almost daily been presented to the classes for the purpose of enforcing and illustrating the principles in the text book has been amazing. Indeed the tributaries have been so numerous and full, as to cause the main stream to overflow its banks far and wide. And yet the current of the old stream has never been lost sight of by the pupil, nor caused him any bewilderment of mind. The facilities afforded for your scholars to learn are therefore of the first order. Their minds are constantly on the alert, and the freshness of the new material arrests the attention, thereby securing an interest. The results of the year's labor by the methods adopted have been excellent. The discipline of the school has been kind and firm, and the order very satisfactory to your Committee. A new plan has been adopted for promotion of scholars into the high school. Examinations during the year shall be marked according to merit, and the average of these shall determine the promotion of the scholars. The required per cent is seventy. The plan has worked admirably

and all are disposed to abide by the results of their own efforts. The exercises of the last day were assigned to scholars who volunteered to engage in them, and the time required to prepare themselves was not to be during school hours. The results showed that the pupils not only entered upon the effort voluntarily but with a resolute purpose to do their best. We submit the plan to your candid judgment, and urge upon you the importance of visiting the schools during term time as the best and only way of forming an impartial and wise opinion of the efficiency of your schools.

Whole number of scholars,	33
Average membership,	31
Average attendance,	29
Tardy marks,	29

Perfect in attendance for the year :

Edgar Sherburne,	Ella Robinson,
Rosa Martin.	

AMOS HARRIS, *Chairman.*

EAST CENTRE SCHOOL.—No. 1.

MISS GERTRUDE E. THOMPSON, Teacher.

This school is one of promise and hope. The scholars are bright and intelligent and appear happy in their school home. The order has been excellent and been obtained through much patience and effort. A good understanding evidently exists between teacher and scholars and hence the results of the years effort are very satisfactory. The first class is large in proportion to the number of scholars in the school. Quite a number will apply for admission into the Intermediate school. A talent for singing is very apparent. With the aid

of an organ the exercises in this direction are very happily and enthusiastically rendered. Drawing and penmanship have received due attention, and improvement is evident from the examination of the work performed. The black-board is brought constantly into requisition and a very efficient medium it has become for awakening an interest and commanding the attention of the primary classes.

Whole number of scholars,	32
Average membership,	26
Average attendance,	22
Tardy marks,	66

AMOS HARRIS, *Sub-Committee.*

WEST CENTRE SCHOOL.—No. 2.

Miss L. I. DUNN,	} Teachers.
Miss L. A. DUNN,	

At the close of the second term Miss Lillie Dunn, after twelve years of successful service in this school, resigned her position on account of ill health. Miss Lura Dunn was appointed to fill the vacancy. We are very happy to be able to report that the new teacher took up the work where it was left by the former, and has carried it forward with a zeal and wisdom which has been crowned with success. By removals and in other ways the school is reduced in numbers. The average ability however, is very good. With wise guidance and corresponding effort on the part of the pupils, the future is bright and encouraging. The discipline of the school has been excellent, and the moral tone healthy. A commendable attainment has been made in composition, for children of their age. Writing has received its proportion of time and

care, and singing is not a lost art in this school. We can only say in closing, that we hope the parents will feel the great importance of having their children at school every day and thereby secure a continued interest for mental effort. Let there be no absences unless absolutely necessary and the reward will be great.

Whole number of scholars,	26
Average membership,	21
Average attendance,	19
Whole number of tardy marks,	16
Perfect in attendance for the year :	
Lucy Fuller,	Eddy Sibley.

AMOS HARRIS, *Sub-Committee.*

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL—No. 3.

MISS MARY POUTAS, } Teachers.
ALICE DEARING, }

The young teacher who had the charge of the school during the previous year, was obliged by the utter breaking down in health to resign her position before the close of the Spring term. Her sad case called for the sympathy of all who knew her.

With the Fall term Miss Dearing a lady of many years experience in the schools in Maine, resumed her calling as teacher, and gave entire satisfaction to all parties in the district, we are confident, winning the love and enlisting the hearty cooperation of her little flock.

Whole number of pupils,	19
Average membership,	17
Average attendance,	14
Tardy marks,	13

NAHUM SMITH, *Sub-Committee*

NORTH-EAST SCHOOL—No. 4.

MISS ANNA COBURN, Teacher.

The school closed as it has, for many years on a term of unbroken prosperity, filled with true faithful work on the part of teacher and pupils, and we must renew our tribute of gratitude that this large flock has come out of its year's labors (with all its possibilities) in health, bodily, mentally and morally, filling its sphere so well and fulfilling all our hopes and expectations.

Whole number of scholars,	50
Average membership,	41
Average attendance,	38
Number of tardy marks,	8

Not absent or tardy for six terms :

Frank I. Sullivan, Mabel G. Hinds.

Not absent or tardy for three terms :

Eddie S. Coburn.

NAHUM SMITH, *Sub-Committee.*

SOUTH-EAST SCHOOL—No. 5.

MISS LIZZIE S. VILES, Teacher.

Miss Lizzie S. Viles who has taught this school for sixteen consecutive years, has presided over it during the past year, and we believe the annual examination revealed what has been shown many times before, that honest hard work has been the rule. We regret to chronicle that sickness has entered this school and kept many scholars at home during the Winter term. This has of necessity lowered the average attendance, but nevertheless we think commendable progress

has been made and while there has been no particular branch or study which has received special attention there is abundant proof of gradual and steady advance all along the line. It is with pleasure we note the harmony existing between parents, scholars and teacher, and we would congratulate the parents on the peculiar adaptability of the teacher to her position which ensures that the intellectual and moral interests will be constantly looked after.

Whole number of scholars.	36
Average membership,	33
Average attendance,	29
Tardy marks,	9

Perfect in attendance for eleven terms : Levi Jennings.

Perfect in attendance five terms : Fred Fiske.

FRANK H. UPHAM, *Sub-Committee.*

SOUTH-WEST SCHOOL—No. 6.

MISS LURA DUNN,	} Teachers.
MISS L. A. DOANE,	

Miss Lura Dunn had charge of this school during the Spring and Fall terms. As teacher she brought to her work enthusiasm and an earnest desire to succeed. In this we believe she was successful. At the end of the Fall term Miss Dunn resigned to take charge of West Center school and Miss L. A. Doane of Orleans was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Doane came with but little practical experience as a teacher, but with a determination to maintain the standard of success in the school. She realized that in order to accomplish this there must be eternal vigilance. We believe that she has had the interests of the school at heart, and that she has faithfully labored with that end in view. The deportment

has been quiet and orderly, and the lessons of examination day proved that honest toil had yielded its legitimate return. We earnestly invite the hearty cooperation of the parents, believing as we do that the parents make or mar in a large degree the success of a school.

The school is open to freest inspection and after visiting the school and becoming acquainted with the methods of teaching and discipline we invite your honest criticism, that you as parents working with the teacher and School Board may aid in keeping this school in the front rank of the Primary schools of Weston.

Whole number of scholars,	14
Average membership,	13
Average attendance,	12
Tardy marks,	35

FRANK H. UPHAM, *Sub-Committee.*

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REPAIRS.

Appropriation for support of schools,	\$4,000 00
Massachusetts School Fund,	157 55

\$4,157 55

Expenditure under this item,	\$4,151 99
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Balance unexpended,	\$5 56
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Appropriation for school incidentals,	\$1,750 00
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Expenditure for same,	1,812 45
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Overdrawn,	\$62 45
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Appropriation for text books,	\$300 00
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Expended under this appropriation,	297 86
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Balance unexpended,	\$2 14
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Special appropriation for draining and grading
school grounds in District No. 4,

\$200 00

Expended,

154 64

Balance unexpended,	\$45 36
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It will appear under item 1st, in our printed reports that thirty-three dollars and thirty cents has been paid the principal of our High School in excess of his salary. This was purely a mistake, a misunderstanding on the part of the principal and committee, the amount has been refunded and is now in the hand of our Treasurer and will appear in our next annual Town Report.

Under the 2d item we have again to report that the expenditures have exceeded the appropriation. This is due in part to the bad condition of the roof of High School building which necessitated a very large outlay and in part to the ever increasing needs of our schools. In the matter of repairs your committee have acted according to their best judgment for the interests of the town, and the years to come will prove the wisdom or folly of their course. We are of the opinion that there should be an appropriation sufficiently large to cover all necessary expenses so that there may be no outstanding bills at the end of financial year. We would therefore recommend an appropriation of \$1,500.00 for school incidentals.

Under item 3d, appropriation for text books as there are a number of outstanding bills we would recommend an appropriation of \$400.00.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. UPHAM, *Sub-Committee.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee respectfully submit the following Report for the year ending February 28, 1889:

Number of books purchased during the year,	265
“ “ presented “ “	25
Whole number added, “ “	290
“ “ taken out,	7,544

(For Financial Exhibit, see Treasurer's Report.)

Donations of books and pamphlets have been received from the following sources: Mrs. C. J. Paine, Mrs. D. S. Lamson, Mr. Herbert Merriam, Mr. F. H. Hastings, Mr. E. A. Jones, Mr. A. L. Cutting, Mr. W. N. Goddard, Hon. W. R. Sessions, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary of the Interior, Department of State, Bureau of Education, Boston Public Library, Harvard College Library, Lancaster Public Library, Goodnow Public Library Sudbury, American Unitarian Association, and the Publishers of the Waltham Free Press.

The books in the Library are in as good condition as could reasonably be expected, considering the time many of them have been in use. More or less books every year become worn past repairs: most of these are works of fiction, and unless they possess some peculiar or unusual merit are not replaced, but are allowed to drop out. Many more new publications of this class are constantly offering than we care to buy.

We would urge upon patrons of the Library, the importance when taking out books, of using cards or slips containing their page number, together with the numbers of the books desired. Every person or family using the Library is assigned a sepa-

rate page in the record book, where their account is kept; but it is impossible for the Librarian to keep in mind every one's page, and much time is spent in looking up accounts. A little attention, as above suggested, will save the Librarian much trouble and greatly facilitate the delivery of books.

The Library now contains about 7,500 volumes. At the usual rate of increase it will soon outgrow its present quarters, when it will be necessary to provide more shelf-room, either by making alterations in the present room, or by the erection of a separate building for Library uses. Your committee are inclined to the opinion that it would be better to adopt the latter alternative. Should the town be like minded we would, considering the great scarcity of good building lots centrally located, and suitable for a public building, recommend that some measures be taken to secure a proper site for a library building, or do what would perhaps be better, choose a committee to consider the subject in all its bearings and report to the next annual town meeting.

To comply with a law passed last year, it will be necessary the present year to elect the Library Committee as follows: One-third of the number thereof for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years, and hereafter one-third of the number is to be elected annually to serve for three years.

OLIVER R. ROBBINS,	}	<i>Library Committee.</i>
HORACE S. SEARS,		
ELIZABETH S. GOWING,		

LIBRARY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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Balance on hand March 1, 1888,	\$4 86
Interest from Library Fund,	84 00
From Town Treasury, dog tax,	252 51
From Librarian, fines,	3 07
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	\$344 44

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Paid Laughton, Macdonald & Co. for books,	\$181 04
“ Macdonald & Co.,	5 40
“ William Macdonald & Co.,	25 47
“ Estes & Lauriat,	21 99
“ DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	14 50
“ Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	5 50
“ Jarid M. Heard, for periodicals,	36 65
“ C. E. Smith, for periodical,	1 50
“ A. H. H. Warren, for binding books and periodicals,	31 00
“ John Coburn, items for Library,	1 00
“ O. R. Robbins, “ “	2 94
“ E. H. Atwood, for expressage,	6 60
Balance in Treasury,	10 85
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	\$344 44

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1889.

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